



REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter - Extremist Organizations and Activities

1. The purpose of this policy is to re-emphasize to all Soldiers of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), the existing regulatory guidance in AR 600-20 (Command policy), paragraph 4-12, pertaining to the participation in extremist organizations and activities.
2. The activities of extremist organizations are inconsistent with the responsibilities of military service. Participation by Soldiers in specific enumerated actions is prohibited and is a violation of the Army's Equal Opportunity Policy. Military personnel, duty bound to uphold the Constitution, must reject participation in organizations which:
 - a. Advocate racial, gender or ethnic hatred or intolerance.
 - b. Advocate, create or engage in illegal discrimination based on race, color, gender, religion, or national origin.
 - c. Advocate the use of force or violence, or otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.
3. Prohibited activities in support of extremist groups include the following:
 - a. Participating in a public demonstration or rally.
 - b. Attending a meeting or activity with knowledge that the meeting or activity involves an extremist cause while on or off duty, when in uniform, when in a foreign country, when it constitutes a reach of law and order, when violence is likely to result, or when in violation of off-limits sanctions or a Commander's order.
 - c. Engaging in fund raising activities.
 - d. Recruiting or training members (including encouraging other Soldiers to join).
 - e. Creating, organizing or leading such an organization or activity.
 - f. Distributing literature or other media on or off of a military installation advocating or

supporting extremist causes organizations, or activities that present a clear danger to loyalty, discipline, or morale of military personnel, or if the distribution would materially interfere with the accomplishment of a military mission.

4. Commanders should take positive and immediate actions to prohibit military personnel from engaging in any activities detrimental to good order or morale. This includes ordering the removal of symbols, flags, posters or other displays from barracks and placing areas or activities off-limits.

5. All members of AMC will continue to maintain their high level of professional behavior and courtesy while serving proudly in America's Army.

//Signed//
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General, USA
Commanding

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